
Malachi 2:13-16 NLT

Here is another thing you do. You cover the LORD's altar with tears, weeping and groaning because He pays no attention to your offerings and doesn't accept them with pleasure. 14 You cry out, "Why doesn't the LORD accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows. 15 Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are His. And what does He want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. 16 "For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife."



Reflect

What does this passage tell you about the importance of living out the wedding vows you made as husband and wife before God?



Can a person be unfaithful to his/her wedding vows without committing physical adultery? How?



Can a person be unfaithful to his/her wedding vows without getting a divorce? How?



Reread verse 15. Who makes husbands and wives one? To whom does the marriage itself belong? What does this imply?